

## U. S. MISSION WORK HANGS IN BALANCE

Must Be More Active in Caroline and Marshall Islands, Says Japan.

ONLY WOMEN LEADERS  
Navy Officer Says Religious Education Is Welcome Outside of Schools.

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KUSAI, Caroline Islands, February 27 (via Yokohama, March 5).—Continuation of American missionary work, which in the course of seventy years has brought education and civilization to the natives of the Caroline and Marshall Islands, is hanging in the balance today. The naval authorities, carrying out Japan's mandatory over the islands, say they will permit the work to continue temporarily, though unless the Americans display increased activity Japanese missionaries will be brought over to take charge of the religious activities.

In late years the once vigorous promotion of Christianity has been carried on by diminishing numbers of missionaries, and the work has been directed by only three devoted American women working under the direction of the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions of the Congregational Church.

The naval authorities are closing about a hundred mission schools, which teach the Christian religion in the language of the natives, as fast as government schools can be opened. In the public schools the teaching of the Japanese language comes first. The natives complain of this as well as of the precept now taught that "the emperor is God," which is contrary to their previously acquired ideas.

**Navy Paying Expenses.**

It is said by the naval authorities that there is no interference with the religious work on the islands. The navy is paying the expenses of two Japanese Protestant clergymen, who are in charge of the missions on Pohnpei and Ponape islands and also of eight priests and twelve assistants, whom the Pope was invited to send to the islands to carry on Catholic activities. According to the Japanese missionaries, funds are available for the purchase of the American missionary properties on the Marshall Islands and on Kusaie Island.

The advanced school, under the two Baldwin sisters in Kusaie, training native teachers and pastors, continues in operation. About forty primary schools in the Eastern Caroline and Marshall Islands, however, already have been closed.

"We realize the good work the American missionaries have done," says Rear Admiral Nozaki, the naval commander under the Japanese mandatory, "and we propose to assume the educational work eventually closing all the mission schools, though the Kusaie school will remain open during the transitional stage. The public school program contemplates the teaching of household arts, manual training and agriculture."

**Church Education Welcomed.**

"We consider it our duty to enlighten the natives through education and the influence of religion," says the admiral. "It does not stand in the way of government education, will surely be welcomed. However, religious instruction will not be permitted in the public schools. Whether any private schools will finally be allowed has not been decided."

The Marshall and Eastern Caroline Islands are considered Christian, more than half the adult population are members of the church. Outwardly their religion has the austerity of Puritan days. The American board formerly had thirty missionaries here and expended \$2,000,000 in the work.

## G. W. U. DEBATING TEAM IN TRIANGULAR CONTEST

Labor Question Subject of Argument in Meet With West Virginia and Swarthmore.

The debating season at George Washington University will be formally opened Friday when representatives of the institution will meet West Virginia University and Swarthmore College. The subject to be debated will be, "Resolved, That labor, as such, in corporate industries should share in the management by selecting from its own members certain of the board of directors of the corporations."

George Washington's affirmative team will meet a West Virginia University team at 8:15 o'clock Friday evening in the Y. M. C. A. assembly hall, 1756 G street. The team will be composed of George M. Moore, D. Malcolm Hodge and W. I. Cleveland with Miss Helen R. Carlsson and Thomas D. Helms as alternates.

While the debate is in progress, a negative team from George Washington University will be meeting at Swarthmore College team at Swarthmore, Pa. This team will be composed of Leslie Jackson, Stanton Fitzgerald, and Harry Perlman. Perlman has twice represented the university in debates and Hodge and Cleveland each once. The members of the affirmative George Washington team are all newcomers.

While these two debates are in progress a negative team from Swarthmore College will be meeting a West Virginia team at Morgantown, W. Va. Swarthmore won the triangular league championship last year, defeating both George Washington and West Virginia. George Washington took second place by winning from West Virginia.

In addition to the triangular debates this year, George Washington's negative team will debate a team from Pennsylvania State College in Washington the evening of March 25.

G. L. Hall, Washington attorney and graduate of the George Washington University law school, is coach of the George Washington teams.

## ASSIGNED TO EMBASSIES.

Lieut. Commander Newton H. White has been detached from duty in the office of naval intelligence, Navy Department, and detailed as assistant naval attaché at the United States embassies at London, Paris and Rome.

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## Rules to Check Gun Toting Here Offered, Despite Legal Obstacles

Judge Hardison Cites Constitutional Provision Which Restricts Federal Officials, But Would Curb Criminals and Reckless.

Reasonable regulations to prevent "gun toting" and crimes such as have occurred in Washington during the last week were discussed last night by Judge Robert Hardison of the Police Court, in an interview sought by The Star.

Judge Hardison outlined his ideas of legislation that would help the situation declining here and throughout the law is wholly inadequate.

"In dealing with the subject of deadly weapons in the District of Columbia," said Judge Hardison, "it should be remembered that this is a federal jurisdiction, and that maybe Congress has not as free a hand in the matter as the legislatures of the various states."

"The second amendment to the Constitution of the United States provides: 'The right of the people to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed.' The Supreme Court has held that this is a limitation upon the powers of the federal government, and that it does not apply to the states. Therefore it may be that even though it might be expedient for Congress to pass a law, it would not be within the competency of Congress to do so."

"In such a statute, there is some doubt that Congress has the power to say that citizens generally shall be permitted to possess weapons only upon permission of some United States official."

**Right to Purchase.**

"It would seem that if the citizen has a right to bear arms he has the right to acquire them by purchase either here or elsewhere, and if so, Congress may not forbid their purchase here and their transportation into the District in interstate commerce."

"Congress unquestionably has the power to establish reasonable regulations upon the subject, to the end that such weapons may not be borne and used in such manner as to jeopardize the public peace and safety, and with that end in view, may regulate their carrying and use to the extent that they be kept out of the hands of the lawless and irresponsible."

"The present law is vague and uncertain, and wholly inadequate. The object of any legislation on the subject should be to keep weapons out of the hands of the criminals and the reckless, without denying to the law-abiding citizens the right to use them for the protection of person and property."

"From my experience in the trial of cases arising under the present law, I am of the opinion that a law containing substantially the following provisions would meet the conditions here as they may be."

**Suggested Regulations.**

The provisions outlined by Judge Hardison included:

Section 1. It shall be unlawful for any person within the District of Columbia to carry concealed upon or about his person any deadly or dangerous weapon other than an ordinary pocket knife. It is provided, however, that members of the military or police, or other officials of the government and persons to whom permits have been issued, shall be exempt.

Section 2. No person shall carry openly any deadly weapon for the purpose of using it unlawfully.

Section 3. No person shall carry any deadly or dangerous weapon, either concealed or openly, in any motor or horse-drawn vehicle. Again it is provided that members of the military or police, or other officials of the government, or to sportsmen going hunting, or taking their weapons to have them repaired, shall be exempt.

Section 4. No person convicted of a felony shall, without a special written permit, be allowed to own any deadly weapon, other than a razor for shaving or ordinary pocket knife. Penalty for violating this section shall be imprisonment from two to five years.

Section 5. Any person having in his possession any deadly or dangerous weapon other than an ordinary pocket knife at the time of the commission of the attempted commission of a felony shall be imprisoned for from two to five years.

Section 6. Any person dealing in deadly or dangerous weapons in the District must obtain from the District Commissioner a special license, the fee for which shall be \$100 a year. Dealers must keep a record of all sales of such weapons. Dealers are prohibited from selling such weapons to any child under eighteen years of age or to any person convicted of a felony, without a written permit from the superintendent of police. Any person making a false statement in purchasing a deadly weapon shall be punished by imprisonment for from two to five years. No police officer, member of the military forces, etc., shall be permitted to lead, give or sell any deadly weapon to another person without special permission from the superintendent of police.

**Registering of Weapons.**

Section 7. Within sixty days after the passage of this act every person in the District owning a deadly weapon, other than police officers, etc., must list it with the police department.

Section 8. The superintendent of police shall have power to issue a permit in writing to any person, upon good cause being shown, to carry concealed a deadly weapon for a period of not more than a year.

Section 9. If any person shall make affidavit before a United States commissioner or any judge of a court in the District that he has reasonable grounds to believe that any person within the District possesses or is using any dangerous weapon in violation of this act, search warrants may be issued.

Section 10. A failure to comply with any provision of the act shall create a violation of the same. Any violation of this act for which no other penalty is provided shall be punished by a fine of not less than \$50 nor more than \$1,000, or by imprisonment of not more than a year, or for a second offense, by imprisonment for not less than one nor more than five years.

## NEW U. S. OFFICIALS TO MAKE CHANGES

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the conduct of foreign and domestic trade promotion by the bureau of foreign and domestic commerce was forecast yesterday when Mr. Hoover called into his first conference with heads of bureaus of the department.

Dr. Roy S. McElwaine, director of the bureau, Mr. Hoover conferred at length with Dr. McElwaine and it is understood communicated to him his plans for more active participation in promotion of domestic and foreign trade by the bureau of foreign and domestic commerce.

Extension of the commercial attaché system of the bureau, considered very valuable by the Chamber of Commerce of the United States, may be undertaken if larger appropriations are secured for the bureau.

The bureau of standards may be called into far more active service in assisting promotion of American trade through perfection of mechanical and scientific devices.

The best thought among officials of the Department of Commerce and the census bureau is that this bureau will remain as it is—practically a separate department, and it is times of decennial census an altogether separate establishment. Incorporation of the United States coast and geodetic survey with the projected United States coastguard-lighthouse service, may also be brought about.

**Labor Department Needs.**

Closer co-operation of the bureau of Americanization and the bureau of immigration working toward the common end of making Americans as quickly as possible out of immigrants may be arrived at under projected plans by Secretary Davis of the Department of Labor. The Americanization service of the Interior Department may be joined with the similar service of the Labor Department for the one purpose.

Co-ordination of the women's bureau and the children's bureau of the Department of Labor may also be arrived at. During the Wilson administration it was an open secret that friction between the bureau of immigration and the office of the assistant secretary of labor, which finally resulted in the transfer of practically all of the duties of the assistant secretary of labor. That this friction will be overcome is the belief of officials of the department.

What Secretary Davis' mind may be on the United States Employment Service is not known, but it is considered the new Secretary will undertake some expansion of this bureau of the Department of Labor.

**FOUR I. C. C. VACANCIES.**

President Harding Expected to Name John J. Esch to One.

Terms of Mark E. Potter of New York and Henry J. Ford of New Jersey as members of the Interstate Commerce Commission expired last Friday. The two commissioners were appointed by former President Wilson and were not confirmed by the Senate. Expiration of their terms of office leaves four vacancies on the Interstate Commerce Commission for President Harding to fill.

It is generally believed that one of the places will be offered to John J. Esch, who has been joined with Senator Cummins of the transportation act of 1920. It was understood today an effort being made to have President Harding reappoint Commissioner Potter.

The name of A. E. Heiss, head of the Washington bureau of the Traffic World, has also been presented to President Harding for consideration as a member of the commission. It was learned yesterday.

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Two Men Confess Cars Were Stolen to Defraud Insurance Companies.

NEWARK, N. J., March 5.—Discovery of nine chassis, seven automobiles, wrecks of other bodies dismantled engines, spare parts and license plates on a farm at Unionville, near here, today led police to believe that automobiles stolen in New York and Newark were secreted there preparatory to being sold or broken up as junk.

The cache of the dismantled cars was found by the local police automobile squad, and private detectives from New York.

Benjamin Berger of New York and William Perin of Newark, who are held pending an investigation, admitted that some of the cars were stolen with the connivance of the owners to defraud insurance companies.

## DISMISS ARMY OFFICER.

First Lieut. John N. McNaughtan, Quartermaster Corps, was convicted, court-martial at Fort Leavenworth, Kan., of the charge of violating the ninety-fourth article of war in the manner of the United States. He was sentenced to be dismissed and to be imprisoned at hard labor for six months. The sentence was confirmed by the President.

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